



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT

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PLACEMENTS UP 4%

For the week ending January 15, 2005, growers placed 11.6 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 4.4% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.6 million) increased 4.4% from comparable week in 2004. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.4 million, an decrease of 2.4% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.7 million for the week ending January 08, 2005 compared to 11.8 million slaughtered during the same week in 2004.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
11/20/04	13,508	13,337	11,445	11,156	11,445	11,156
11/27/04	13,859	13,803	11,653	11,306	11,752	11,308
12/04/04	13,695	13,594	10,958	10,808	11,048	10,808
12/11/04	13,762	13,810	11,250	11,193	11,250	11,195
12/18/04	13,719	13,804	11,507	11,455	11,507	11,455
12/25/04	13,621	14,010	11,278	11,235	11,278	11,237
01/01/05	13,595	13,713	11,385	11,464	11,385	11,464
01/08/05	13,634	13,875	11,233	11,487	11,233	11,487
01/15/05	13,755	13,427	11,151	11,647	11,151	11,647

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	01/22/05	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	71.21	71.08	64.07	67.58
12-City Composite 2/	72.05	72.01	68.00	67.70

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.